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Attorney Docket No.: A-69850-1/RMS/DCF/SRN[469249-64]

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application)
Inventor(s): Jian-Bing Fan *et al.*)
Application No.: 09/779,202)
Filed: February 7, 2001)
Title: NUCLEIC ACID DETECTION)
METHODS USING UNIVERSAL)
PRIMING)

Examiner: Frank Wei Min Lu
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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 30, 2002. The Commissioner is authorized to charge additional fees which may be required, including extension fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Our Order No. A-69850-1/RMS/DCF[469249-64]).

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect for further prosecution the claims of Group II, namely Claims 7-19. This election is made without traverse. Moreover, Applicants elect species (1) drawn to a primary label.

In addition, prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims: